



**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
8 FEBRUARY 2016**

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2016 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL, 64 FITZROY STREET, WARWICK AT 9.00AM**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Present: Crs Blundell (Chair), Bartley, Gow, Ingram, McNally, Meiklejohn and Pennisi.

Officers: David Keenan (Chief Executive Officer), Peter See (Director Engineering Services), Ken Harris (Director Planning, Environment and Community Services), Marion Seymour (Minute Secretary)

**2. APOLOGIES**

**2.1 Apologies**

**Resolution**

**Moved Cr D Ingram**

**Seconded Cr C Gow**

THAT the apologies of Cr Rees and Cr Mackenzie be received and leave of absence granted.

**Carried**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Item Precis</b>	<b>Nature of Conflict</b>
4.2	National Stronger Regions Round 3	Cr Pennisi declared that a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> ), may exist due to his role as Darling Downs & South West Chair of Regional Development Australia. Cr Pennisi dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was his determination that their personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to him making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. Cr Pennisi participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public and move 'into Committee' to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

## **Recommendation**

THAT the meeting be closed to the public and move into committee to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following, as indicated:

### **4.1 GrainX Operations Allora**

#### **Reason for Confidentiality**

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

### **4.2 National Stronger Regions Round 3**

#### **Reason for Confidentiality**

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government budget.

### **4.3 Draft 2016/2017 Capital Works Program**

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## **Meeting In Camera**

### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr N Meiklejohn**

THAT the meeting move into camera.

**Carried**

The Meeting moved into closed session at 9.01am.

9.00am Chris Hood & David Brown from GrainX Australia joined the meeting to discuss GrainX operations in Allora - Agenda Item 4.1

## **Meeting Out Of Camera**

### **Resolved**

THAT the meeting resume in open session at 1.20pm

**Carried**

#### **4.1 GrainX Operations Allora**

##### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr N Meiklejohn**

**Seconded Cr D Ingram**

THAT Council:-

1. Receive verbal advice from GrainX Australia representatives.
2. Not undertake any legal action at this stage, and continue to work with GrainX Australia to minimise the off-site impacts of its operations in Allora.

**Carried**

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#### **4.2 National Stronger Regions Round 3**

##### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr N Meiklejohn**

**Seconded Cr R Bartley**

THAT Council endorse the submission of the following funding applications to the National Stronger Regions Fund - Round 3:

1. Morgan Park Effluent Reuse Pipe Project.
2. Warwick Dragway Facility Expansion Project.

**Carried**

*Cr Pennisi voted for the motion*

#### **4.3 Draft 2016/2017 Capital Works Program**

##### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr N Meiklejohn**

THAT Council note the information received for the draft 2016/2017 Capital Works Budget.

**Carried**

#### **MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.27pm.